



The Hon. Roger Jaensch MP  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
Review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*  
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By email to: [aboriginalheritageact@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalheritageact@nre.tas.gov.au)

Dear Minister,

**RE: A NEW ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT – CONSULTATION PAPER  
ON HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIRECTIONS**

On behalf of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute), we would like to thank the Tasmanian Government for the opportunity to comment on the *Consultation Paper on High-level Policy Directions* regarding the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Protection Act.

We are supportive of the community consultation process regarding this new legislation, and note the Institute's response to earlier consultation in 2019 (which can be found [here](#)).

The Institute and our members feel that we don't have the expertise to adequately make further comment on this legislation. The Institute acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of lutruwita, Tasmania, and believe that this expertise lies with the First Nations people of our state, and they should guide the development of this legislation.

The Institute would be happy to be involved in further consultation process, should stakeholders feel that we would be of value. We look forward to viewing the draft Bill when it is developed. If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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**Stuart Tanner**  
President, Tasmanian Chapter  
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**Jennifer Nichols**  
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